

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A lighting apparatus comprising:

decorative lights comprising:

electrical wire, and

a plurality of light bulbs electrically connected to the electrical wire; and

a wire coil having substantially the same radius throughout the wire coil;

wherein the decorative lights are attached to the wire ~~coil~~ coil, and

wherein the electrical wire includes at least two intertwined electrical wires, and the wire coil extends between the intertwined electrical wires.
2. (original): A lighting apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the wire coil is a memory wire coil that is expandable and automatically retractable to its original length when released.
3. (original): A lighting apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the decorative lights are integrally bound to the wire coil.
4. (canceled).
5. (original): A lighting apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the lighting apparatus is expandable and resiliently retractable to its original length when released.
6. (currently amended): A method for making a decorative lights apparatus comprising the step of attaching decorative lights to a wire coil,

said decorative lights comprising:

electrical wire, and

a plurality of light bulbs;

said wire coil having substantially the same radius throughout the wire coil; and

said wire coil being expandable and resiliently retractable to its original length when
~~released.~~ released,

wherein said attaching step includes extending the wire coil through at least two
intertwined wires of the electrical wire.

7. (original): A method as claimed in claim 6 wherein said attaching step includes
integrally binding the electrical wire to the wire coil.

8. (canceled).

9. (previously presented): A lighting apparatus as claimed in claim 2 wherein the wire
coil is not substantially flat when the wire coil is in its retracted state.